

From: Christy S
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Apr 21, 2003 3:03 PM
Subject: End monopoly of radio waves

I urge to vote against on June 2 against further deregulation of media ownership in any medium. Indeed, urge a return to the pre 1996 rules so that Americans can reasonably trust we are getting sufficient exposure to the information needed to efficiently regulate our government. What we are getting now is increasingly propagandized in line with White House policies as the defense contractors own the networks brainwashing the public into accepting war that enriches the companies in the White House. It propagates a vicious circle.

From: Terry Bouricius
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Apr 22, 2003 9:46 AM
Subject: media concentration

Dear Commissioners,

As a retired state legislator who has seen a dramatic narrowing of public debate in the media, I have become alarmed about the proposal to allow an increase in the concentration of media ownership. A diversity of perspectives is essential for genuine democracy. There is already far too much concentration in too few hands. If you won't work to undo the current undesirable situation, at least please do not exacerbate the problem. PLEASE stop this proposal to lift cross-ownership restrictions within media markets. Thank you.

-Terry Bouricius

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*for identification purposes only -- CVD has no formal position on this matter

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From: Bill O'Reilly
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Apr 22, 2003 10:27 AM
Subject: proposed media consolidation rule changes

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express strong opposition to the proposed rule changes which will allow concentration of market power in fewer but larger media companies. I feel the rise of companies like Clear Channel is an unfortunate and very negative development. Their dominant marketing power will drive out independents and produce a homogenized and sanitized news which is very negative for a democracy. The big media conglomerates say they have to have the economies of scale and they will protect the public interest. Their record shows they have virtually never looked out for the public interest and only the govt has the power to insure they do so. Recently there was a train wreck which released toxic chemicals. Public safety officials called local radio stations to put out an alert. Since they had become Clear Channel stations no one was available at the stations to do so.

The FCC has the key function of safeguarding the public interest. If the FCC allows media conglomerates to get even bigger I feel it will be a great disservice to the country. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bill O'Reilly

From: SLBmotorcity@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Apr 22, 2003 11:11 AM
Subject: Protect Children's Television!

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From: Marstonmj@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Mike Powell
Date: Tue, Apr 22, 2003 3:08 PM
Subject: Media ownership

I would like to comment on the federal plan to let major media own more stations and newspapers in the same market. I believe that the previous deregulation and the resulting lack of diversity of media ownership we have already experienced has limited political debate in the United States. The very lack of current coverage of media deregulation in the major media is evidence enough of how dangerous this trend is. I feel very strongly that the ownership of media and distribution of news by a small number of large corporations undermines democracy in America.

Thank you,
Michael Marston

From: William J. Makofske
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Apr 22, 2003 3:47 PM
Subject: Deregulation of Ownership

I am aware of the vote scheduled for June 2 on further deregulation of broadcasting ownership. If you vote to deregulate further this will do enormous damage to our already beleaguered democracy, putting control of information dissemination into the hands of a few. Surely diversity in the media is needed to avoid a one-sided view of issues.

Chairman Powell, I urge you to put off this vote for at least 12 months so the issue can be studied, so the public can be informed. There has been little coverage of this issue in the media, and people have been understandably preoccupied with the war in Iraq. We need much more study and discussion of this important issue before the policy is changed.

If this deregulation goes through we will see greater voter apathy, a less informed public (scary considering how ill informed people are already) and this will be bad for the US and for the world. Please do not do this.

Thank you.

Mary Makofske

From: bradimante@prodigy.net
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Tue, Apr 22, 2003 5:21 PM
Subject: Preserve Media Diversity: Keep the FCC Rulemaking an Open Process

FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy

Dear FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy,

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is currently considering sweeping changes to broadcast ownership rules. Repeal or significant modification of these rules would likely open the door to numerous mergers that could reduce competition and diversity in the media.

Before the media ownership rules are issued in final form, the public must have the opportunity to review and comment on any specific changes the Commission plans to make.

If media ownership rules are seriously weakened, one company in a town could control the most popular newspaper, TV station, and possibly even a cable system giving it dominant influence over the content and slant of local news. Such a move would reduce the diversity of cultural and political discussion in a community. It could also raise costs for businesses and candidates that use local media for advertising.

While the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on media ownership, it proposed no actual rule. Accordingly, no public comment has been received on any specific changes. We believe that additional input from the public will help the Commission see the strengths and weaknesses of any new approach.

I encourage you to provide a detailed description of all proposed changes, their empirical basis, and a meaningful period of time for the public to review and comment on any proposed changes before a final rule is issued.

The stakes for citizens and the nation are enormous. More information, not less, about proposed changes would best serve the public interest. Indeed, we hope the Commission would do everything in its power to keep the rulemaking process as open and inclusive as possible.

Sincerely,

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From: Candy Wilson
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue, Apr 22, 2003 5:43 PM
Subject: media conglomeration/breakup of media giants

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Subject: Protect Children's Television!

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From: Eduardo Waller
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Tue, Apr 22, 2003 6:59 PM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Media Ownership Limits - DO NOT Remove Remaining Regulatory Limits on Corporations

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From: Nancy Galarza
To: Mike Powell, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Apr 22, 2003 7:55 PM
Subject: No to Media conglomerates

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From: Elizabeth Baker
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Apr 22, 2003 8:22 PM
Subject: FCC Vote

Jonathan S. Adelstein,

The vote by the FCC to deregulate the FCC is a false and misleading agenda. This proposal only lends it self to a more corporate controlled media. We have had enough of it in this country. The vulgarity of this move only proves that the corporations need to be in control and each of you are their perfect puppets. This move has to be stopped.

To leave our information in the hands of a few corporate driven profiteers is not democracy, no matter how you try to wrap it up with a marketing spin. The media has failed in their public trust to provide fair and impartial and full accounting of the news and daily events in our lives. The war in Iraq was this most notable failure of all reporting.

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Regards,
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